IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Jennifer Ruth GAMBLE et al.

Application No. : 10/531,626

Filed : March 30, 2006

For : A METHOD OF MODULATING EPITHELIAL CELL ACTIVITY

BY MODULATING THE FUNCTIONAL LEVELS OF

SPHINGOSINE KINASE

Examiner : Magdalene K. Sgagias

Art Unit : 1632

Docket No. : 650063.402USPC

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.112

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated April 1, 2009, please extend the period of time for response three months, to expire on October 1, 2009. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fees. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.